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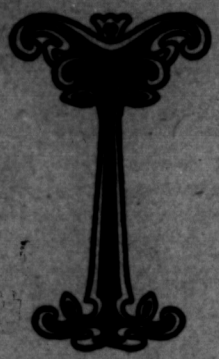

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

New Haven Church (10 miles northwest of Weir), Friday before the First Sabbath in October, 1918

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

H. M. WHITTEN; Alternate, G. A. EDDLEMAN

OFFICERS

H. M. WHITTEN, Moderator - - - McCool
G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk and Treasurer - Ackerman

EXECUTIVE BOARD

ESTELL DOBBS C. H. BUTLER
O. F. CHAMBLEE

HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	PLACE	INTRODUCTORY SERMON	MODERATOR	CLERK
1892	Chester	Organization	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1896	Providence	Chas. H. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1897	Pleasant Ridge	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1899	Mount Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1900	Beulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1905	Self Creek	J. K. Thornton	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1906	Ebenezer	R. A. Eddleman	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1907	Blythe's Creek	H. L. Rhodes	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1908	Mount Moriah	J. R. Nutt	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1909	Longview	F. R. Burney	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1910	Bear Creek	J. B. Perry	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1911	Double Springs	R. L. Wallace	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1912	Providence	A. H. Mahaffey	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1913	Wake Forest	H. M. Whitten	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1914	New Zion	M. J. Derrick	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1915	Fellowship	T. J. Latimer	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1916	Clear Springs	N. B. Wallace	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1917	Bethlehem	P. S. Rogers	H. M. Whitten	G. D. Weatherall

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Digest of Church Letters—J. M. Dobbs and W. F. Burney.
Missions—G. W. Dudley.
Sunday Schools—G. L. Keen.
Christian Education—P. S. Rogers.
Publication—S. M. Fant.
Prohibition—J. H. D. Watson.
Ministerial Relief—J. M. Smith.
Orphanage—M. A. Carr.
Hospitals—Dr. T. M. Holloway.
Woman's Work—Miss Emma Hammond.
Systematic Giving—D. F. F. Smith.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

P. S. Rogers, H. M. Whitten, M. A. Carr, E. L. Taylor, Jasper Watson, J. F. Ray, J. L. Smith, W. J. Dobbs, Thomas Smith, J. H. D. Watson, Samuel Edwards, J. E. Hutcherson, N. Q. Adams.

OUR DEAD.

Ackerman ..... Mrs. Lucy Adams
Bethlehem ..... C. Snow
Blytha Creek ..... Matilda McClain, Emity Hester
Chester ..... J. R. W. Foster
Clear Springs ..... J. W. Rammage
Double Springs ..... E. D. Archibald, P. T. Vaughan
Ebenezer ..... Savanna Singleton
Mt. Moriah ..... Alice Prewett
Mt. Pisgah ..... Mary Adams
New Haven ..... J. W. Dean, Katie Simpson
Pleasant Ridge ..... A. J. Sikes
Providence ..... Mollie Meredith
Spring Hill ..... Jas. Weaver, Necie Redberry, R. K. Fondren
Wake Forest ..... Warren Jackson, Sallie McPherson
Wood Springs ..... J. E. Ray

PROCEEDINGS

The Chester Association met in its twenty-fifth annual session with Bethlehem Church, Choctaw County, Mississippi, Friday, October 5th, A. D., 1917.

The Moderator, N. B. Wallace, being absent, the Clerk called the meeting to order and asked Bro. H. M. Whitten to conduct devotional exercises, after which he was unanimously elected Moderator of the Chester Association.

Bro. N. Q. Adams then led in a special prayer.

G. D. Weatherall was elected clerk and treasurer.

Called For Correspondence.

Columbus Association—J. L. Hughes reported on Baptist Record.

N. T. Tull reported on the Budget Plan.

Louisville Association—J. D. Blanton.

Returned Correspondence.

Louisville—H. M. Whitten.

Columbus—P. S. Rodgers and H. M. Whitten.

Kosciusko—H. M. Whitten.

Montgomery County—G. D. Weatherall.

State Convention—P. S. Rogers, H. M. Whitten, C. H. Butler and G. A. Eddleman.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—B. C. McGarrity, D. M. Berry and J. T. Smith.

Devotional Exercises—C. H. Butler, C. A. Franks, and pastor and deacons of the church.

Nominations—N. Q. Adams D. L. Humphries and M. F. Bagwell.

P. S. Rogers made a motion that two be appointed as a committee on Enrollment. The Moderator appointed on this committee G. L. Keen and M. T. Milligan.

At the request of Bro. N. Q. Adams Bro. P. S. Rogers was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

The Association at this hour suspended business to hear the sermon.

After a song, was led in prayer by G. A. Eddleman.

The text: Gal. 4 and part of the 4th and 5th verses

Subject: Similarity and dissimilarity of legal and spiritual adoption.

Brother Rogers preached a very strong and able sermon which was much appreciated by the Association.

Bro. P. S. Rogers was asked to prepare the report on Missions.

R. A. Collier the report on Sunday Schools.

J. L. Hughes on Prohibition.

N. T. Tull on Systematic Giving.

On motion of Bro. N. Q Adams adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Came together by singing "How Firm a Foundation." Led in prayer by Bro. O. F. Chamble.

Bro. Bryan Simmons, president of Clark Memorial College, was recognized and made a short talk.

Report on Publications was read by J. T. Hughes. This report was discussed by J. L. Hughes, Bryan Simmons and N. T Tull and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Mississippi Baptists are not a reading people. This fact is acknowledged by all. We do read the Bible but we do not read our publications as we ought. There are about 170,000 white Baptists in Mississippi and The Baptist Record has a subscription list of about 6,000. Counting five to the family we have 35,000 families, leaving 29,000 homes in Mississippi without a knowledge of what our people as a denomination are doing. This is a sad condition of affairs.

There are three papers that ought to be in every Baptist home. The first of these is the Baptist Record. This paper is not owned by the State Convention, but it has the endorsement of the Convention.

This is the only paper in the world that will give information concerning the Baptists and Baptist churches in Mississippi.

Second. Home and Foreign Fields. This is a great magazine, published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions.

Third. Our Orphanage Gem ought to go into every Baptist home. We urge our Baptist people to subscribe for these papers and then read them.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. HUGHES.

This report was read by N. T. Tull and after being discussed by him, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

In discussing methods now being used by the churches towards financing the Kingdom, the following defects are apparent:

First. Our methods are not producing enough money to properly support and advance the Lord's work.

Second. Our methods are not reaching out and enlisting the people. From 10 per cent to 30 per cent of our church members are giving all that is given to the cause.

Third. Our methods are not caring for all the causes fostered by our churches according to their relative needs.

Fourth. Our methods are not culturing and developing our people in the grace of scriptural giving.

Fifth. Our methods do not point to and lead towards the scriptural standard of giving, which is the tenth.

As a means for curing the above mentioned defects in our financial methods, and bringing our churches to a dutiful and conscientious support of all the causes represented in our great denominational work, as well as a more adequate support of our faithful pastors, we recommend the careful study and adoption of the Budget Plan, as adopted and now being introduced to the churches by the Baptist State Convention Board.

Respectfully submitted,
N. T. TULL.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We believe in Christian Education through our denominational schools. Mississippi Baptists are maintaining three denominational schools.

Mississippi College.

Every loyal Mississippi Baptist's heart thrills with joy at the very mention of Mississippi College. No one familiar with Mississippi Baptist history and growth can question that our present position of leadership in Mississippi as a denomination is due very largely to Mississippi College.

The men who have been at the head of affairs in Mississippi College have not been content with things as they were but have sought each year to prepare the way for larger and better things. Many changes have been made.

Instead of the rugged hill on the campus we have now a beautiful, level lawn covered with grass and clovers with an occasional bed of flowers to beautify it. Young trees are being planted wherever needed, concrete walks are being put down in all directions. On this beautiful campus may be seen, in place of the old buildings, Jennings Hall, the Science building, Ratliff Hall, and the handsome library building. Only the old chapel remains of the old buildings. In these splendid buildings teachers of culture and consecration are striving to teach and train young men, both preachers and laymen, for the highest and noblest character and science.

Clark Memorial.

Clark Memorial College is doing very splendid work with the meager equipment which it has.

It now belongs to Baptists of Mississippi. It has three buildings and a great faculty. Its present need is patronage. The expense is reduced to a minimum. The graduates of this school are making good.

Mississippi Woman's College.

Up until the meeting of the State Convention in Gulfport Mississippi Baptist had never done anything as a denomination for the education of the girls.

Clearly this undertaking was thrust upon the denomination by the providence of God. The hand of God was in it all. His blessings has rested like a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night upon the Woman's College from the first day her doors were opened for students under the control of our State Convention. Mississippi Baptists have never undertaken to do a greater thing than the building of the Woman's College.

Here our girls are being won to Christ and trained for Christian service, whose lives will be felt to the ends of the earth. The coming of President Johnson and his noble wife

to the head of the Woman's College was also clearly the leading of the Lord.

With a faculty as cultured, as consecrated and as able as can be found anywhere, a work is being done that cannot be surpassed on earth, and should send a thrill of joy through every Christian heart. But Mississippi Baptists are not supporting these schools as they should. We your committee recommend:

First. That the pastors stress the work of Christian Education.

Second. That regular offerings be made to these institutions.

Third. That we urge our people to send their children to these schools.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. WHITTEN.

This report was read by H. M. Whitten. Brother Simmons being present Brother Whitten yielded his time to him. Brother Simmons first led us in an earnest prayer for Christian Education. After a strong and effectual appeal for Christian Education the following pledges were taken for Ministerial Education:

New Zion a collection. Blythes Creek a collection. Long Branch a collection. P. S. Rogers paid $5.00. G. W. Dudley, Mathiston $2.00; H. M. Whitten paid $5.00; G. A. Eddleman paid $10.00. Dr. J. M. Kellum, Reform, $5.00. S. M. Fant, Chester, $1.00 Bulah church $5.00. Bear Creek $2.50. Joe Barron paid $1.00. E. N. Blain pand $1.00. J. L. Weeks paid $1.00. M. F. Bagwell paid $1.00. Mrs. Blanton paid 25c. J. J. Rabun paid $1.00. cash collection $3.30.

O. F. Chamblee and N. W. Nail were seated as delegates from New Haven.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Led in prayer by W. L. Watkins.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

In presenting the question of Ministerial Relief we are at a disadvantage.

In the first place we cannot appeal to experience, for those we want to reach are not old ministers, and man not only thinks all men mortal but himself, but he also thinks that all men grow old but himself. How then can we appeal to you for a class of individuals who are the fartherest from your experience?

We are also confronted with the fact that nine-tenths of the churches consider this work as of no importance. They do not feel it is a part of the denominational work; that there is an obligation here which should be fulfilled. But in spite of this handicap we are coming to you with an appeal for the aged ministers and pray that the Lord of Glory will open your hearts to this appeal.

We would also urge our plea for these noble men of God on the ground that they have a divine claim upon the brotherhood.

Read the latter part of the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew and you will find that the reason ascribed by Christ in rewarding those on his hight hand was that they had ministered to him in their ministrations to the brethren. Upon this passage of the scripture we base our argument for the support of the aged ministers.

Last year we only helped ten aged ministers and nine minister's widows, then we were only able to give the small sum of $7.00 per month.

We should not provide for the disabled ministers alone; the faithful wife who, after all, is the one that makes the greatest sacrifices for the cause, is quite as sacred a charge as the preacher himself.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. WATKINS.

The above report was read and discussed by W. L. Watkins. It was also spoken to by J. L. Hughes, G. W. Dudley, M. A. Carr, P. S. Rogers and E. L. Taylor and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Southern Baptists divide their missionary work into three departments, State, Home and Foreign.

State Missions.

The basis of all missions is State Missions. Destroy or neglect this and the whole missionary enterprise would soon collapse. The necessity of doing missionary work in our state

has been greatly augmented by the thousands of soldiers now encamped at three places in the state. We must put forth our best efforts to save and care for religion by the soldier boys in Mississippi. Almighty God demands that we do our part. In addition to the work among our soldier boys our State Board must look after numerous churches that are too weak to have pastors for one-fourth time without help; it must help build church houses, establish new churches in destitute places, look after Sunday school work, and many other departments of the Lord's work—all within our own state. The demands of State Missions in this state were never so great as they are now . We must contribute to this great work as we have never done before or no one can foretell the awful calamity that will overtake Baptist interests in this state.

Home Missions.

Last year our Home Mission Board did a larger work than ever, and it was the most prosperous year we have ever had. 18,491 were baptized in the South alone, many new churches were constructed, new fields were entered, the mountain schools were prosperous, new houses of worship were built, the gospel was preached to thousands of foreigners who landed at our southern ports. A great and successful work among the negroes wes carried on, expenses were greatly curtailed. While great achievements have been accomplished in the past year, much remains to be done for there are thousands of houseless churches and thousands more of church buildings that are practically useless for the want of repairs; new fields must be entered and new work undertaken.

The Southern Baptist Convention ordered the Home Mission Board to establish a school at New Orleans for training our French and Spanish Missionaries who are working in this country.

We ought to spend annually a million dollars in Home Missions.

Foreign Missions.

The work done by Southern Baptists last year in foreign fields is most gratifying. More than $560,000 were spent in the work of missions at the small cost of 9.3 cents on the dollar. More than 6,300 were baptized; all the schools had a remarkably prosperous year. Many native churches became self-supporting; some are sending out missionaries, and all are loyal supporters of missions. The work is too great to even summarize in this report.

While so much was done, yet we have hardly begun.

Twelve or fifteen veteran missionaries died or resigned.. The work is growing so rapidly that we must increase the workers, but how can we do that without first increasing our contributions to missions. The work is already too great for the present force in foreign fields, and many are breaking down. New fields are open and we ought to occupy them. God has graciously and wonderfully blessed our feeble efforts; therefore, we ought to be more loyal in our support of Foreign Missions.

PATRICK S. ROGERS.

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Clear Springs	5 00	5 00	5 00
Arbor Springs	$ 5 60	$ 2 50	$ 2 50
New Zion	15 00	15 00	20 00

This report was discussed by P. S. Rogers, J. L. Hughes, G. W. Dudley and W. L. Mills and adopted.

The Association then suspended business to hear Bro. J. L. Hughes preach. His subject was, "John the Baptist." The sermon was great and will bear fruit.

The Moderator added F. T. Milligan and M. A. Carr to the Finance committee.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SATURDAY.

The Moderator in the chair. Led in prayer by M. A. Carr.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL.

The bookkeeper at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson gives us the following report, for 10 months, viz: Total number of patients, 511; number surgical, 278 (13 deaths); number medical, 233, (2 deaths); total deaths, 15; mortality .029 per cent; total number patients, total and part charity, 250; total number pay patients, 261.

You will notice that the number of charity patients is almost equal to the number of pay patients. This indicates the generous measure of philanthropic work which the institution has done in the past. But this is drawing heavily on the income of the hospital, and cannot continue unless there is a special fund provided for charity work. It will be seen that the hospital now owes for building $20,000 in bonds, and for

equipment $5,000, a note by trustees. It is hoped that a man may be soon put in the field to raise this with interest on the whole and money necessary to pay the debt on running expenses accumulated by doing an excess of charity work.

We your committee desire to make a special appeal for the support of our Baptist Hospitals.

Salvation is a bigger thing than most have understood. It has just begun when one accepts Jesus. It includes the care of the body and mind as well as the spirit. Jesus did not come to save "souls" but to save "men," the whole man, clean through, all the way down and all the way up. The body is going to endure as long as the spirit does, for it will be raised in the likeness of our Lord. We are exhorted to glorify God in our bodies, and to present our bodies to God. The gospel is glad tidings for the whole man (body, mind and spirit). It is just as essential to support our hospitals as it is any other phase of our church work, for there our bodies are healed of disease, our minds are relieved of worry and anxiety and our souls receive spiritual food. In supporting this work we are emulating our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, when he was on earth, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind, and making the lame to walk.

Respectfully submitted,
F. F. SMITH.

This report was read by P. S. Rogers and after some very appropriate remarks by him the report was adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, (our home for homeless children), located at Jackson; Mississippi has been in succesful operation for 20 years. The purpose of the home is to provide food, clothing, shelter and training for the unfortunate orphan children who have neither parents or other relatives to care for them.

We believe Orphanage work to be clearly the work of Christ, and our home at Jackson, certainly has had the stamp of His approval as the following statistics will show. We learn from the trustees report to the Convention, that since the founding of our institution twenty years ago, about 800 children have been cared for, for a longer or shorter time. The majority of them have been returned to the mother or some relative who got in a position to care for them. Ninety-one have been adopted into good Christian homes and are having

equal chances with other children throughout the country. A goodly number of them, however, have grown up in our home and have passed out to take their place in the world. Sixty have married and have homes and families of their own, not one of whom so far as we know is raising up a family to be dependent and a care of public charity. Many of our children have succeeded well and have good prospects for a brilliant success in life. Six have taken nurses' training and are succeeding well, eight have taught and so far as we have been able to find out have given satisfaction in their profession. One is a railroad conductor, one is manager of the Western Union Telegraph station at Natchez, Mississippi. Seven have entered the United States Military service and one has crossed the water and is now fighting in the French army. Six have taken business courses and some are now serving in important offices. One is studying for the ministry and one has volunteered for Foreign Field service.

Through the kindness and liberality of interested friends, 24 have had the opportunity of college training and six are now in college. One of our boys holds a diploma from the Mississippi A. & M. College, and also from the University of Ohio. One of our boys is in business in New Orleans, and is maintaining his sister in the Mississippi Woman's College. Four of our boys are working their way through school, one of them having sent his sister to Blue Mountain for four years. Many others are working on farms, at mills, in machine shops, and other callings and making a comfortable living for themselves. Some we have lost sight of entirely but when last heard of were on the right line and gave promise of developing into useful men and women.

We commend our Orphanage to the cordial support of all our people and would recommend that the Sunday Schools of our Association adopt the plan of giving monthly to the Orphanage and that all our churches take a special thank offering during the month of November. In addition to the money contributions, let our churches, Sunday schools and W. M. U.'s send supplies of food, clothing, taking advantage, wherever possible, of the free cars that run during the latter part of November and early part of December which will carry all donations free of charge to the Orphanage. Send corn, peas, canned goods, cured meats, sugar, rice, oatmeal, molasses, lard, and all kinds of clothing (good second hand clothing acceptable) sheets, pillow cases, shoes, soap, towels, pins, needles, pencils, tablets, elastic, buttons, etc. Anything that can be

used in the support of the ordinary family can be used at the Orphanage.

Let us not forget in our prayers to remember our little ones and those who care for them.

Respectfully submitted,

S M. FANT.

This report was spoken to by G. W. Dudley, W. F. Cole, M. A. Carr, P. S. Rogers E. L. Taylor, S. M. Fant, Jim Rives and O. F. Chamblee and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Receipts.

Oct 2.	Balance on hand	$ 4 62	
	Finance Com.	81 53	
Jan. 2	Rhuhama Church	25	
	Total receipts		$86.40

Disbursements.

Oct. 9.	J. B. Lawrence, missions	$15 98	
	J. R. Carter, Orphanage	3 50	
	Clerk balance last year	4 86	
	Clerk, this year	11 81	
Nov. 17.	Minutes	47 00	
	Postage	3 25	
	Total disbursements		$86 40
	Balance due clerk	19	

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. WEATHERALL, Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We have great things to thank God for at this time. We have more prohibition territory now than ever before. Russia, the greatest republic in the world, is dry. France is dry. Great Britain has some very rigid laws to regulate the manufacture and sale of liquor. The United States is drying up at a rapid rate and thank God for that great blessing. Our own state is good and dry with some twenty-two other states of the Union. A law has been passed and went into effect September 8th prohibiting the manufacture of any intoxicating liquors except beer and wine. What a great blessing to know that all

of our grain will be used to feed our great army of soldier boys across the waters training and fighting for our freedom. Just think of the hungry and starving people of this world. We should all line up to be temperate in the use of our grain crop.

J. M. BARRON.

This report was read by J. M. Barron and discussed by P. S. Rogers and G. W. Dudley and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on Nominations report as follows:

Member State Board—Brother G. D. Weatherall.

To preach the introductory sermon—Brother H. M. Whitten.

Alternate—Brother J. H. D. Watson.

W. M. U.—Miss Emma Hammond.

Executive Committee—Estelle Dobbs, C. H. Butler, O. F. Chamblee.

Next meeting—New Haven.

N. Q. ADAMS,
M. F. BAGWELL,
D. L. HUMPHRIES,
Committee.

The Report on Nominations was read by N. Q. Adams and adopted.

H. M. Whitten was elected delegate to the S. B. C. and G. A. Eddleman alternate.

The Clerk was instructed to have 750 minutes printed and prorated among the churches in proportion to the amount of money paid by each church for minutes and clerk.

Bro. N. Q. Adams offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association be tendered to this church and community for their many kindnesses and unbounded hospitality.

On motion of P. S. Rogers a committee on program was appointed. This committee is composed of the Moderator, Clerk and pastor of the church that the Associa-

tion convenes with New Haven Church on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1918.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

With over 30 churches of our Association this year we have reported only five secretaries, of the five only three have sent in reports, but they have done a splendid work. They have raised and given to all objects $446.80. Though we have less societies there is an increase in membership of (some) and in our society an increased and growing interest because they feel that they have a part in the kingdom's work and push forward with new life and energy in our church work as they come in closer touch with the church, Association and work in general. Using the reasons of Miss Hicks, I think every church in this Association should have a W. M. U.. In the first place Christ's last command to his disciples was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Again He said, "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them he it is that loveth me."

Second. We have united prayer for the spread of God's kingdom. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers," and again He said, "If any two of your should agree on earth as touching anything they should ask, it shall be done for them of my Father in Heaven.

Third. It gives news of the spread of God's kingdom.

Fourth. Helps every member do her part in saving the world. "To every man his works."

Fifth. It asks every member to give monthly according to her ability, not according to her neighbors. I want him to say of me, "She hath done what she could."

Sixth. You get Christian fellowship.

Seventh. You have co-operation.

Eighth. Christ is waiting to meet and bless. He promised when he said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in their midst," and again, "If ye ask anything in my name I will do it."

For these reasons I believe every Christian woman will be better and happier for joining a W. M. U. and I beg of every church in the Assoication, for the sake of Christ, for the love they bear Him, for their desire to serve Him, to urge a W. M. U. be organized in every church next year.

EMMIE HAMMOND.

We, the W. M. U., recommend that Emmie Hammond be Associational Superintendent.

This report was read by Miss Emmie Hammond and discussed by Misses Hammond and Trailer and Noah Fondren and adopted.

At the suggestion of S. M. Fant a number of brethren invited Miss Hammond to visit their churches and they promised to pay her expenses.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Associational purposes	$ 6 95
For minutes and clerk	49 72
Cash collection for same	12 95
State Missions	6 46
Home Missions	5 75
Foreign Missions	4 00
Ministerial Relief	1 75
Orphanage	5 83
Delegate Southern Baptist Con. Bethlehem Church	3 27
Fellowship Church	1 00
Total	$97 68

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. BERRY, For Com.

The Association then adjourned till 10 o'clock Sunday morning

SUNDAY MORNING.

Came together by singing. Led in prayer by N. Q. Adams.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school is the teaching service of the church. God has said in His word that we should study and teach His word. We find that He said for us to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. While the little children's hearts are tender is the time for you and me to teach them the word of God.

Then while we are commended to preach the word to

every creature, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. COLLIER.

This report was read by R. A. Collier and discussed by R. A. Collier, G. L. Keen, G. D. Weatherall, G. W. Dudley, W. F. Cole, E. L. Taylor and adopted.

The time for preaching having arrived the commitee on Devotional Exercises reported that H. M. Whitten would preach in the house and C. N. Callahan in the grove. We had a great service, which was accomplished by the power and demonstration of the Spirit.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

After a song and prayer by S. M. Fant the committee on Enrollment made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Ackerman—W. F. Cole, Rev. P. S. Rogers and Estelle Dobbs.
Bear Creek—M. A. Carr and H. M. Whitten.
Bethany—
Bethlehem—M. F. Bagwell, R. A. Graves, J. M. Black.
Beulah—John M. Black, W. S. Morris, Clyde Coleman.
Blythe Creek—F. T. Milligan, Jesse Reagan.
Bluff Springs—
Center Grove—
Crape Creek—
Cypress—R. B. Lewis.
Clear Springs—E. N. Blain, Austin Miller, S. M. Fant.
Double Springs—J. H. Vaughn, W. F. Archibald.
French Camp—Wilson Taylor, E. W. Rainwater,.
Fellowship—Homer Brooks, Joe Franklin, D. L. Humphries, Edgar Lewis.
Fentress—Henry Prewitt, Pink McKnight.
Longview—T. G. Sanders.
Long Branch—W. L. Watkins, J. T. Dill.
McCurtain Creek—
Mt. Pisgah—H. A. Allen, W. M. Bamles, Miss Lula Booth.
Mt. Mariah—J. J. Robun and wife, H. R. Kite.

Mt. Olivet—J. T. McKee.

Mathiston—G. W. Dudley, Noah Fondren, Mrs. Jerry Power.

New Zion—T. J. King, C. A. Franks, C. M. Hodge.

New Hope—

New Haven—A. W. Nail, O. F. Chamblee.

Providence—J. W. Lollar, G. A. Wisenant, W. L. Mills.

Pleasant Ridge—W. N. Taylor, C. C. Sikes.

Chester—Gus Edwards, B. C. McGarrity, E. Robinson.

Spring Hill—J. O. Buck, J. M. Kellam, G. L. Tollison,

Sturgis—J. T. Smith.

Self Creek—Chas. Butler, Tom Quinn, Miss Annie Hammonds.

Weir—G. A. Eddleman, J. W. Lucas.

Wake Forest—N. Q. Adams, D. M. Berry, Ernest York.

Wood Springs—J. P. Collier, C. W. Woods, C. Peacock.

Estell Dobbs was seated as a delegate from Ackerman.

The Association then adjourned to meet with New Haven church on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1918.

H. M. WHITTEN, Moderator.
G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	Number Pupils
Ackerman	W. F. Burney	Ackerman	175
Arbor Springs			
Bear Creek	W. D. Jones	McCool	20
Bethany			
Bethlehem	Joe Barron	Ackerman	15
Beulah	J. M. Smith	McCool	96
Blythe Creek			
Bluff Springs	C. C. Bobo	Eupora	50
Center Grove			
Chester			
Clear Springs	W. P. Orr	Chester	50
Crape Creek			
Cypress			
Double Springs			
Ebenezer			
Fellowship	H. M. Brooks	Mathiston	65
Fentress	J. H. Prewitt	Fentress	35
French Camp	L. L. Sloan	French Camp	30
Long Branch	J. A. Watkins	Maben	20
Long View			
Mathiston	G. W. Dudley	Mathiston	72
McCurtain's Creek			
Mt. Moriah	W. A. Fant	Weir	38
Mt. Olivet	G. W. Fletcher	Sturgis	30
Mt. Pisgah	H. A. Allen	Eupora	40
New Haven			
New Hope			
New Zion	C. A. Franks	Weir	50
Pleasant Ridge	Z. C. Funderburk	Sturgis	25
Providence	Daniel McPherson	Weir	65
Self Creek	Sam Ware	Long View	68
Spring Hill			
Sturgis			
Wake Forest	D. M. Berry	Sturgis	47
Weir	J. A. Montgomery	Weir	60
Wood Springs			
Totals			1051

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Value Church Property	Minutes and Clerk	Associational Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	Visiting Minister	Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Hospitals	Other Objects	Totals
kerman	$ 10000 00	$ 3 00	$	$ 600 00	$ 200 00	$ 196 09	$ 87 03	$ 10 00	$ 15 00	$ 74 90	$ 60 54	$ 75 00	$	$	$ 25 00	$	$	$	$1346
bor Springs	700 00	1 15		75 00						5 00									81
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ester	500 00	3 37		75 00															78
ar Springs	500 00	1 55		30 50			4 00	3 60	4 10	2 00		4 00							49
ape Creek	300 00									5 00	2 00				5 00				12
press	400 00	1 10		50 00															51
uble Springs	800 00	2 00	2 10	75 00															79
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ng Branch	300 00	50		25 00				6 00		1 00	1 00	50		1 00					35
ng View	1500 00	1 00																	1
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. Olivet		1 00		45 00							4 00	4 00						7 00	61
. Pisgah	600 00	70		75 00				6 27		3 00		3 25			6 00				94
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ring Hill	800 00	1 00		75 00				12 00							5 00		1 00	5 00	99
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CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	INCREASE				DECREASE				Total Membership
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Expelled	Death	Total	
Ackerman	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	R. D. Prewitt	Ackerman	6	6		12	4		1	5	155
Arbor Springs	C. E. Bland	Maben	Jennie O'Neal	Mathiston		3		3	1			1	31
Bear Creek	H. M. Whitten	McCool	W. D. Jones	McCool	3			3			1	1	200
Bethany	J. T. Carroll	Ackerman	J. L. Busby	Ackerman									77
Bethlehem	C. N. Callahan	Stilo	P. M. Snow	Ackerman		1		1	1		1	2	99
Beulah	H. M. Whitten	McCool	W. O. Steele	McCool	6	2	1	9	4		1	5	115
Blythe Creek	J. L. Hughes	Maben	H. P. Livingston	Mathiston	2			2	3		2	5	123
Bluff Springs	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	Alsie Jones	Eupora	4			4	2		1	3	115
Center Grove	W. S. Watkins	Maben	J. W. Douglass	Maben	7	3		10					102
Chester	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	Lester Buck	Chester	1	1		2					93
Clear Springs	J. L. Smith	Chester	S. M. Fant	Chester	3	1	1	5		2	1	3	126
Crape Creek	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	C. E. Ervin	Stewart	3	1		4		1		1	95
Cypress	W. L. Watkins	Maben	Eddie Lewis	Long View									71
Double Springs	R. A. Collier	Sturgis	J. L. Neely	Maben					5		2	7	196
Ebenezer			Joe Wooch	Stewart							1	1	40
Fellowship	L. R. Breland	Philadelphia	T. M. Jones	Mathiston	9	5		14	10			10	133
Fentress			J. H. Prewitt	Fentress					2			2	80
French Camp	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	L. L. Sloan	French Camp	16	3		9	11			11	114
Long Branch	W. L. Watkins	Maben	J. A. Watkins	Maben	10			10					49
Long View			J. G. Jones	Long View									133
Mathiston	R. L. Breland	Philadelphia	G. W. Dudley	Mathiston	4	6		10	10		2	12	137
McCurtain's Creek	W. J. McPhail	French Camp	T. M. Holloway	Weir									96
Mt. Moriah	W. J. McPhail	French Camp	T. H. Howell	Weir	1	2	3	6	2		1	3	126
Mt. Olivet	E. J. Hutcherson	Sturgis	J. T. McKee	Sturgis					1			1	60
Mt. Pisgah	O. C. Cooper	Derma	H. A. Allen	Eupora	5	3	1	9	7	4	1	12	80
New Haven	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. A. Chamblee	Weir	28	5	2	35	3		2	5	223
New Hope	W. D. Watkins	Maben	W. W. Roberts	Long View									45
New Zion			J. F. Keen	Ackerman					5			5	138
Pleasant Ridge	R. A. Collier	Sturgis	T. E. Sikes	Long View	8	1		9	4		2	6	164
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	J. W. Lollar	Weir	9	8		17	3	16	1	20	101
Self Creek	J. E. Hutcherson	Sturgis	J. O. Duke	Starkville	63			3	23			23	188
Spring Hill	J. T. Carroll	Reform	G. L. Tollerson	Ackerman	1	1		2	5		5	10	164
Sturgis			J. E. Hutcherson	Sturgis									129
Wake Forest	R. A. Collier	Sturgis	E. Hanna	Sturgis		1		1	8	1	2	11	91
Weir	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	S. M. King	Weir		6		6	3			3	46
Wood Springs	J. L. Smith	Chester	J. M. Woock	Tomnolen	1			1	1		1	2	83
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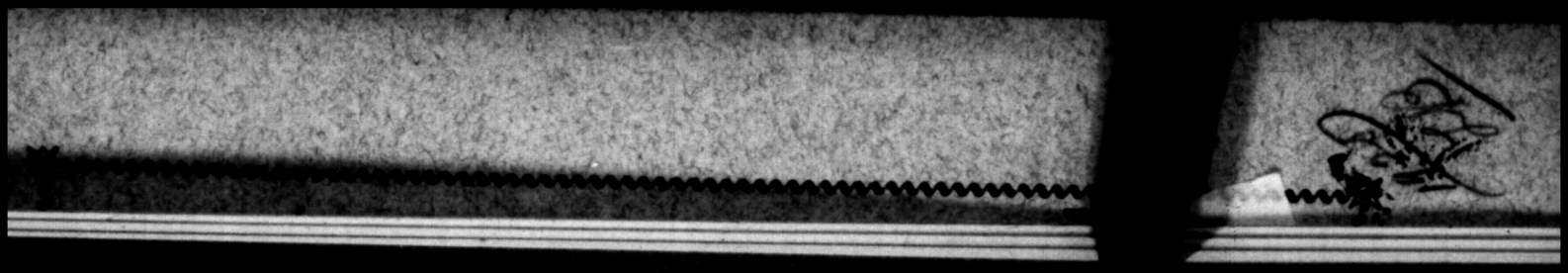
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